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## Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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### **Coalition Type**

Domestic violence

### **Year Formed**

1979

### **Year Incorporated**

1979

### **Staff**

3 full-time-equivalent staff members

### **Fiscal Year**

July 1994 - June 1995

## Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

One coalition, focusing on domestic violence, operates in the state of Florida. Although no separate sexual assault coalition is in operation, a group of volunteers staff the Florida Council of Sexual Assault Services. The council warrants mention here because of its efforts; however, it is not reflected as a full-fledged coalition in this report because it reported receiving no funding.

### Member Programs and Services

The state of Florida operates 43 programs that provide direct services to victims of domestic violence or their families, friends, or supporters. Thirty-nine of the programs are members of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Of the 39 members, 13 have reported themselves to be dual domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

Special population programs are provided for women who are Hispanic, African American, American Indian, elderly, migrant, rural, or physically disabled. Services tailored for lesbians and gay men are also offered. Other populations served are children of domestic violence or sexual assault, domestic violence perpetrators, and homeless women in transition.

All coalition members provide on-site shelter for abused women and their children, support groups for women, and community education/speakers bureau. With the exception of one or two members, all programs have an independently run domestic violence hotline, specific support programs for sheltered children, and training for professionals. Exhibit 1 provides the number of member programs offering various domestic violence services.

**Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=39)  
offering various domestic violence services**

<b><u>Number of programs</u></b>	<b><u>Service</u></b>
38	Independently run domestic violence hotline
39	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
39	Support group for women
33	Legal advocacy program
23	Medical advocacy program
37	Specific support program for sheltered children
29	Services for non-sheltered children
27	Education programs in elementary schools, high schools
21	Education programs in colleges or universities
39	Community education/speakers bureau
38	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
12	Transitional/second-stage housing
17	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
11	Other services ( <i>services for incarcerated youth offenders, referrals to transitional housing, parenting group classes, children's anti-violence groups, after-hours injunction assistance, 24-hour injunction assistance line, supervised visitation center, and an abuse response team</i> )

All dual member programs provide one-on-one counseling and treatment/rehabilitation programs for sexual offenders. Eighty-five percent provide independently run sexual assault hotlines, support groups for adult women, adult accompaniment and advocacy services, and training for professionals. Exhibit 2 provides the number of coalition members offering various sexual assault services.

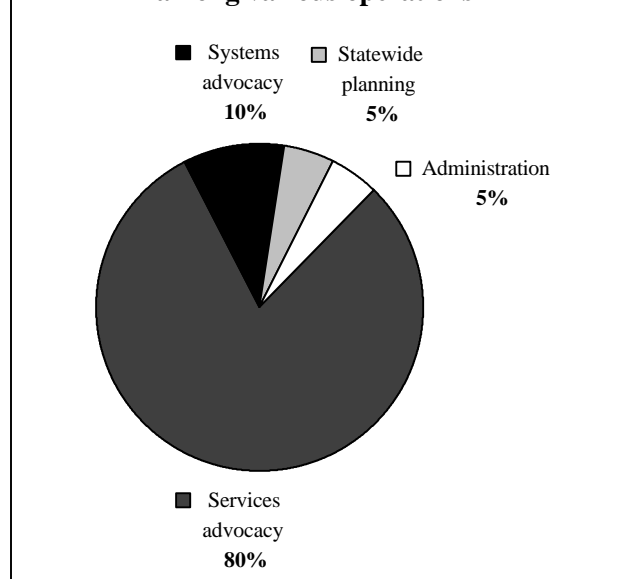
**Exhibit 2. Number of coalition member programs (N=13) offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
11	Independently run sexual assault hotline
13	One-on-one counseling
12	Support group for adult women
7	Support group for teenage girls
4	Support groups for male victims
8	Support groups for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
7	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
4	Secondary support group for parents of victims
11	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
8	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
8	Legal advocacy program
9	Medical advocacy program
10	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
7	Education programs in colleges or universities
12	Community education/speakers bureau
11	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
8	Technical assistance
13	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
0	Other services

## Domestic Violence Coalition Operations

During fiscal year 1994-95, the majority of the coalition's efforts were dedicated to services advocacy. The remaining endeavors were divided between systems advocacy, state wide planning, and administration. The coalition did not provide direct services to victims, and there was no service designed to inform and mobilize the general public around domestic violence issues (e.g., education programs in the schools and expanded outreach to underserved populations). Figure 1 details the level of effort expended on these operations.

**Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence coalition level among various operations**



## Special Projects of the Domestic Violence Coalition

The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence identified four discrete projects undertaken at the state coalition level to enhance prevention of and response to domestic violence. The following is a description of these projects.

### The Rural Incentive

*Description:* Funding is provided to five rural communities.

*Purpose:* Services advocacy

*Funding source:* Federal funding

### Supervise Visitation Projects

*Description:* The coalition provides supervised visitation to children of domestic violence situations.

*Purpose:* Services advocacy

*Funding source:* State funding

### Dating Violence

*Description:* Development of curriculum.

*Purpose:* Services advocacy

*Funding Source:* State funding

### Computerization of Statistics for Domestic Violence Centers

*Description:* This project provides the cumulative total for all domestic violence centers.

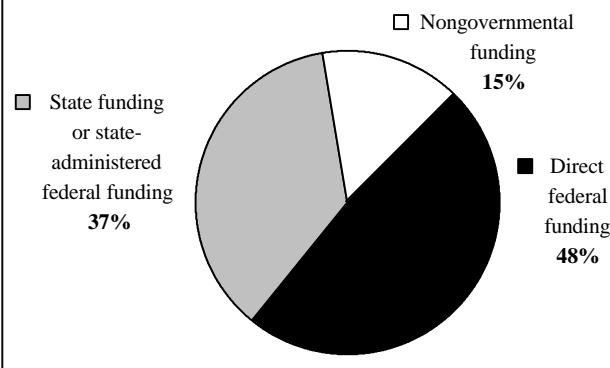
*Purpose:* Statewide planning

*Funding Source:* Nongovernmental funding

## Domestic Violence Coalition Funding

When compared nationally, the total amount of funding received by the coalition was in the third quartile (\$175,000 to \$425,000). During fiscal year 1994-95, 90 percent of this total funding was used to support the work of the state coalition. The remaining 10 percent was retained by the coalition for future fiscal years. The greatest amount of the coalition's budget (approximately 50 percent) was received directly from the federal government in the form of Florida's state coalition grant, funded through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). The coalition also received funding

**Figure 2. Funding sources and percentages of funds: Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence**



from the state's dedicated funds, specifically marriage license fees and a trust fund, and from nongovernmental sources. No money was passed through the coalition to local programs. Figure 2 displays the funding from various sources for the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

### Federal and State Funding

As is the case for other coalitions, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence received a state coalition grant directly from the federal government. As mentioned, the coalition's state funds were supplied via dedicated funds. Exhibit 3 lists the sources of funding reported by the coalition.

<b>Exhibit 3. Sources of government funding reported by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence</b>	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State-administered funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)-state coalition grant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dedicated funds</li> </ul>

### Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Approximately 15 percent of the coalition's revenue was received from nongovernmental sources. Of this 15 percent, one-third received from foundation or corporate grants, and another one-third was received via general membership dues. When combined, private donations and other sources, specifically, "In-Kind Violence" and publications, total about one-third of nongovernmental funding sources. Exhibit 4 reports the percentage of total funding received by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence from nongovernmental sources.

<b>Exhibit 4 : Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence</b>	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Foundation or corporate grants	33%
Private donations	4%
General membership dues	36%
Other sources of funds	27%

\*Nongovernmental funding was 15% of total funding

### Florida State Government Agencies

Five state agencies were contacted for this report. The Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and the Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence do not provide, administer, or pass

through funding for either domestic violence or sexual assault public or private organizations, and therefore are not included in this report. Approximately \$8.5 million designated for domestic violence or sexual assault services and/or prevention flowed through the following three state agencies.

**Children and Family Services,  
Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services**

**Fiscal year: July 1994-June 1995**

During fiscal year 1994-95, Children and Families and Services distributed approximately \$6.5 million for domestic violence services and prevention. Eighty-six percent of this funding (\$5,611,000) is state-generated revenues from a user fee attached to the sale of marriage licenses and divorce filing fees (MLFTF). The remaining 14 percent (\$922,000) was received from the federal government in the form of Florida's state formula grant, funded through the Family Violence and Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). From both of these revenue sources, \$6,323,000 went directly from the state to domestic violence centers certified by the Children and Family Services. The remaining \$210,000 went to the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The agency reported that the local programs receiving state and federal funding must provide a minimum of eight services, including emergency shelter for more than 24 hours, counseling, 24-hour hotline, community education, and professional training.

**Office of the Attorney General,  
Division of Victim Services**

**Fiscal year: July 1994-June 1995**

During fiscal year 1994-95, the Office of the Attorney General distributed \$1.6 million for domestic violence and sexual assault services and/or prevention. The entire amount of funding for both issues was furnished by the federal government through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and the majority of the funds were distributed directly to local domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The remaining monies were distributed to local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies (9 percent), other state government agencies (5 percent), and to local government agencies.

Of the total \$1,107,000 in domestic violence money designated for this department, the majority of the domestic violence funding (94 percent) was distributed to local domestic violence programs. The remaining 6 percent was distributed to other state agencies and to local government agencies.

Of the \$456,000 in sexual assault money designated for this department, 50 percent of the sexual assault funding was distributed directly to local sexual assault programs. Thirty-one percent was distributed to local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies, 10 percent was distributed to other state agencies, and 8 percent went to the local government agencies.

**Department of Health and Rehabilitative  
Service Rape Awareness Program**

**Fiscal year: October 1994-September 1995**

The Department of Health and Rehabilitative Service Rape Awareness Program distributes funding for sexual assault services and prevention only. During fiscal year 1994-95, this program distributed \$358,000. The entire amount was furnished by the federal government's Preventive Health Block Grant. Thirty-one percent of the funding was used by this program for training and administrative costs. Another 32 percent was distributed to local government agencies, 21 percent was distributed to local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies, and 16 percent was distributed to other state agencies.

## Federal and State Funding Reported by Florida State Government Agencies

Nearly \$8.5 million dollars was distributed through Florida state agencies for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention. Most of these funds, about 66 percent, came from the state government. The remaining 34 percent was awarded by the federal government (figure 3 and exhibit 5).

**Exhibit 5. Federal and state funding totals reported by the Florida state agencies**

Federal	\$2,844,000
State	\$5,611,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,455,000</b>

**Figure 3. Percentage of federal and state funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention administered by Florida state agencies**

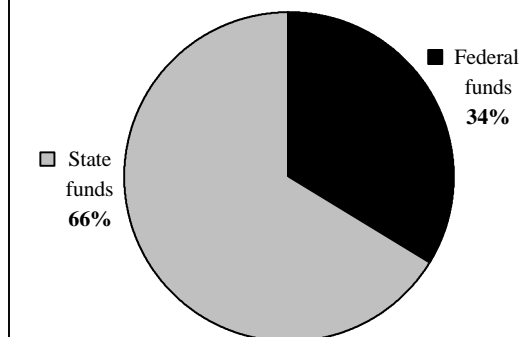
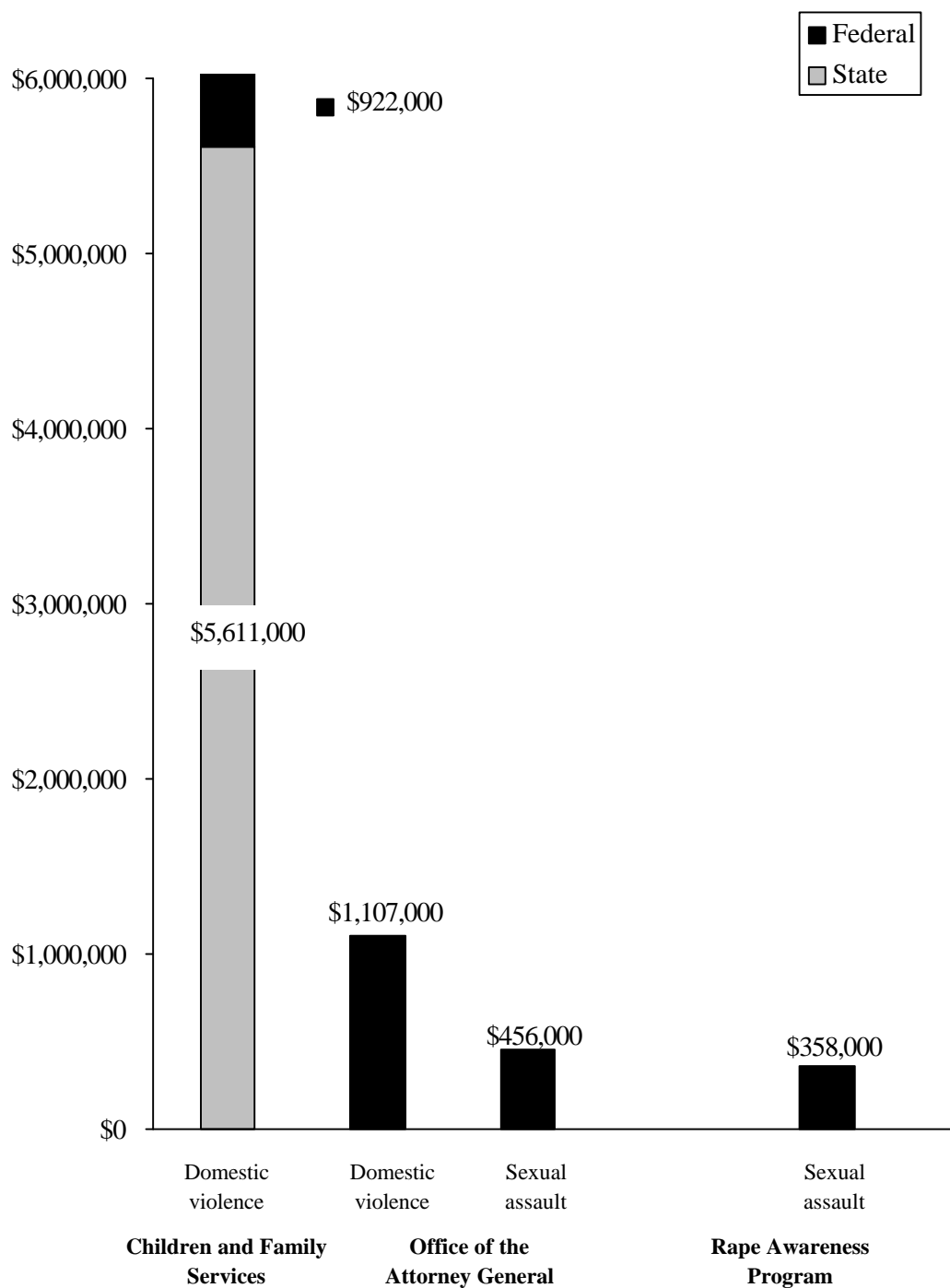


Exhibit 6 depicts the total amount of funding and the sources of funds received from the federal government and state.

**Exhibit 6. Sources of government funding reported by Florida state agencies**

<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) - state formula grant- \$922,000</li> <li>Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$1,563,000</li> <li>Preventive Health Block Grant- \$358,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marriage license fee/surcharge - \$5,611,000</li> </ul>

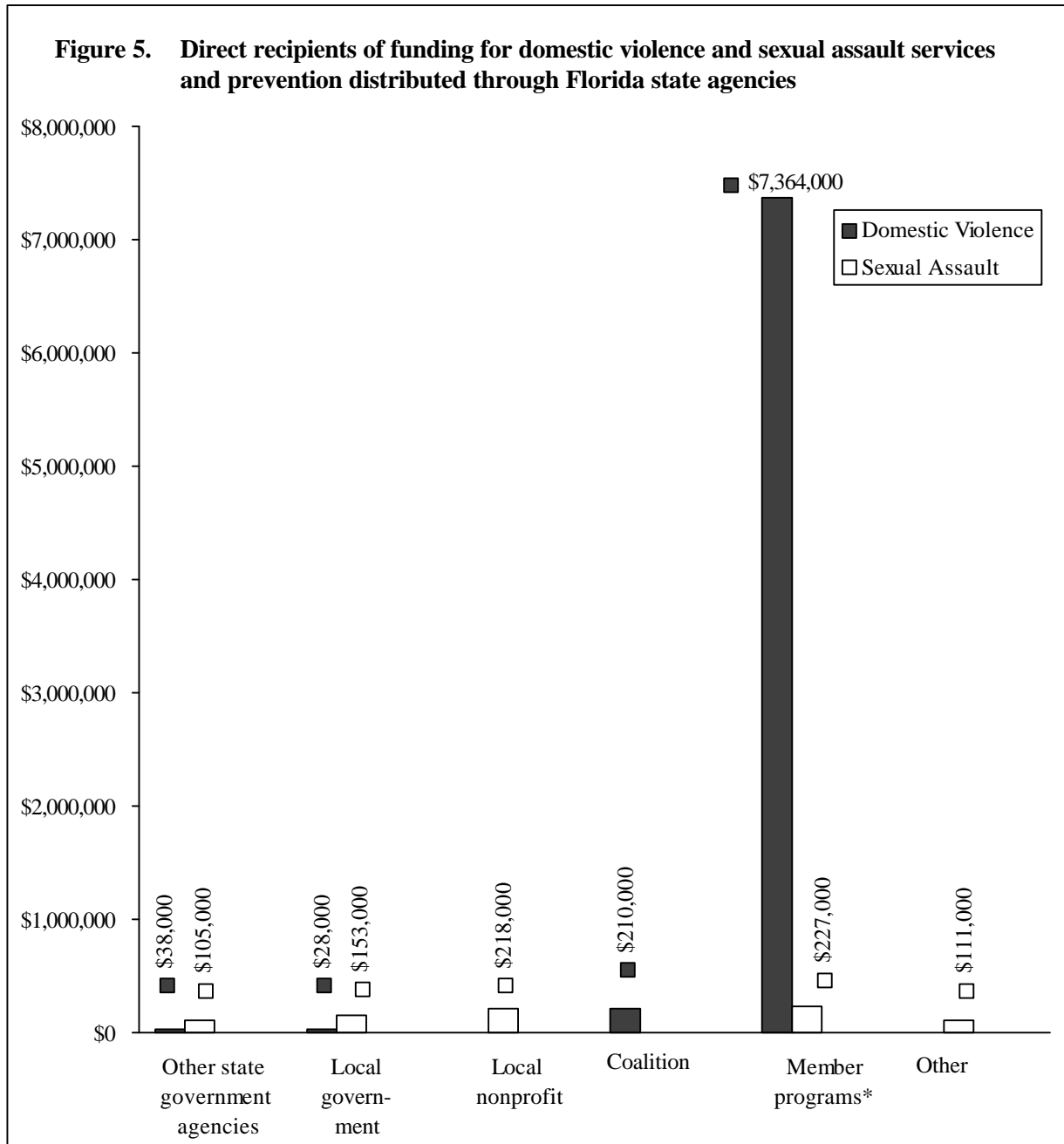
Even though most Florida state government agencies administered federal funds rather than state-generated funds for the prevention of violence against women (figure 4), the majority of funding (\$1.6 million) was state generated. The Children and Family Services was the only agency that oversaw state-generated funds for this cause.

**Figure 4. Federal and state funds administered by Florida state agencies**



## Distribution of State-Administered Funds

Funds distributed by Florida state agencies go to other state agencies, local government agencies, local non-profit/nongovernmental agencies, directly to local programs, or directly to victims themselves. Figure 5 indicates that local programs received the majority of funding (90 percent).



\*Included are two programs that are not members of the domestic violence coalition.

## Local Programs and Services Funded Through State Agencies

Two non-member programs reported receiving funds distributed through the Attorney General's Office. Exhibit 7 shows the services provided by these programs. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) did not cover this funding. Special populations for both local programs include adult survivors, rape victims, and secondary rape victims, and children abused by non-care givers. One program reported dealing with children and adult offenders. This local program runs a daytime treatment program for juvenile offenders called "Catalyst." The same local program also treats adult offenders.

**Exhibit 7. Number of local programs (N=2)  
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
2	Independently run sexual assault hotline
2	One-on-one counseling
2	Support group for adult women
2	Support group for teenage girls
2	Support group for male victims
2	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
2	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
2	Secondary support group for parents of victims
2	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
2	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
2	Legal advocacy program
1	Medical advocacy program
1	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
2	Education programs in colleges or universities
2	Community education/speakers bureau
2	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
0	Technical assistance
2	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
1	Other services ( <i>FLEA-Family Life Education</i> )